



# SOUTHBOROUGH

## Worcester County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Southborough is located 25 miles west of Boston and 15 miles east of Worcester in eastern Worcester County. With nearly 25% of the town covered by the Sudbury Reservoir, Southborough has retained a low density rural/suburban character. Located in the heart of New England and crossed by Route 9, the Massachusetts Turnpike, and Interstate 495, Southborough is a convenient location for both residence and business.

Adding to the quiet rural charm of Southborough are numerous winding scenic roads, often shared with bikers, hikers and horses and two prestigious private boarding schools that are part of a village center that has seen minimal change over the last century. An operating budget of \$11 million (55% schools) provide residents with a wide range of services that are aided by considerable community involvement in church, school and government activity, all creating a small town quality of life within the Boston Metropolitan region.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Westborough and Northborough on the west; Marlborough on the north; and Framingham, Ashland, and Hopkinton on the east, southeast, and south. From the intersection of Routes 9 and 85, Southborough is about 15 miles east of Worcester, 25 miles west of Boston, 26 miles south of Fitchburg, and about 190 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 15.66 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 14.15 sq. miles

**Population:** 6,628

**Density:** 468 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Framingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.9"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Marlborough, Framingham

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 485-0710

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1727

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 4,538

Democrats 1,200 26.4 % Republicans 935 20.6 % Other parties 4 0.1 % Unenrolled Voters 2,399 52.9 %

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Southborough town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	8,781	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	8,781	100.0
Male.....	4,399	50.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	132	1.5
Female.....	4,392	50.0	Mexican.....	20	0.2
Under 5 years.....	872	9.9	Puerto Rican.....	39	0.4
5 to 9 years.....	906	10.3	Cuban.....	21	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	738	8.4	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	52	0.6
15 to 19 years.....	419	4.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	8,649	98.5
20 to 24 years.....	212	2.4	White alone.....	8,213	93.5
25 to 34 years.....	871	9.9	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,955	22.3	Total population.....	8,781	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,342	15.3	In households.....	8,753	99.7
55 to 59 years.....	432	4.9	Householder.....	2,952	33.6
60 to 64 years.....	327	3.7	Spouse.....	2,181	24.8
65 to 74 years.....	411	4.7	Child.....	3,218	36.6
75 to 84 years.....	234	2.7	Own child under 18 years.....	2,739	31.2
85 years and over.....	63	0.7	Other relatives.....	185	2.1
Median age (years).....	36.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	60	0.7
18 years and over.....	5,963	67.9	Nonrelatives.....	217	2.5
Male.....	2,908	33.1	Unmarried partner.....	101	1.2
Female.....	3,055	34.8	In group quarters.....	28	0.3
21 years and over.....	5,803	66.1	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	908	10.3	Noninstitutionalized population.....	28	0.3
65 years and over.....	708	8.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	333	3.8	Total households.....	2,952	100.0
Female.....	375	4.3	Family households (families).....	2,427	82.2
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,401	47.5
One race.....	8,705	99.1	Married-couple family.....	2,181	73.9
White.....	8,295	94.5	With own children under 18 years.....	1,284	43.5
Black or African American.....	47	0.5	Female householder, no husband present.....	177	6.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	6	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	90	3.0
Asian.....	309	3.5	Nonfamily households.....	525	17.8
Asian Indian.....	80	0.9	Householder living alone.....	412	14.0
Chinese.....	151	1.7	Householder 65 years and over.....	161	5.5
Filipino.....	7	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,450	49.1
Japanese.....	14	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	517	17.5
Korean.....	16	0.2	Average household size.....	2.97	(X)
Vietnamese.....	20	0.2	Average family size.....	3.30	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	21	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	-	Total housing units.....	2,997	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	2,952	98.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	45	1.5
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	2	-	occasional use.....	9	0.3
Some other race.....	44	0.5	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	76	0.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.5	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: <sup>3</sup>			Occupied housing units.....	2,952	100.0
White.....	8,357	95.2	Owner-occupied housing units.....	2,595	87.9
Black or African American.....	66	0.8	Renter-occupied housing units.....	357	12.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	18	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.08	(X)
Asian.....	355	4.0	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.12	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	8	0.1			
Some other race.....	59	0.7			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 66

Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Southborough is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

State Route 85 and Interstate 495, the outer belt around Boston, both run N-S through Southborough. The Massachusetts Turnpike and State Route 9 run E-W and form interchanges with I-495 in the neighboring town of Westborough.

### Rail

Conrail services a freight rail line through Southborough. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

### Bus

Southborough is a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) but does not receive services. The Gulbankian Bus Line provides service to 4 locations in Boston.

### Other

The Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility, is located 3 mi. W of the city. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,500'x 150' and 6,999'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

## MUSEUMS

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



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# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

None

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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